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#### THE COLLEENS.

On seeing the Colleens at the Opera House Thursday night one wonders why theatre-goers will tolerate, cheap comedy shows—shows that are both vulgar and suggestive.

It was a splendid performance presented by the Colleens, four carefully trained young ladies, who radiated enthusiastic interest and real ability. The audience that saw the show was small—as is to be expected nowadays when a thoroughly clean entertainment is billed.

The program consisted of song numbers and readings. The cornet, violin, cello and piano were used for accompaniment. There was not a number on the program that anyone could take exception to, and they were all rendered by artists. We would like to see more entertainments of the same character at the Opera House. Further, we would like to see the people of Abbeville give the support that is deserved by such shows.

It is typical of the day, the country over, that smutty shows draw a packed house and a clean performance receives but indifferent support. The "dear peepul" get what they want.

The Colleens was the first of a series of performances to be brought here in the interest of the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital. That it is for the benefit of such a worthy cause is no reason why the public should patronize a poor show; but, if the shows is of the highest character, it is a consideration which should have weight.

#### CONCERNING MANNERS.

Commenting on an article contributed to the Press and Banner by X. Y. Z., which appeared recently in this paper the Newberry Observer calls it a matter of manners and suggests that he women are to blame. The Observer says:

"A writer in the Abbeville Press and Banner, signing himself 'X. Y. Z.' enters a protest against shirt-sleevers and gum-chewers in opera houses. He says:

"In this day of short hours for the working man there is absolutely no excuse for his coming to the opera house in shirt sleeves, his collar turned in and his sleeves rolled up. He has no right to be admitted among cleanly-dressed men and women. Such a thing would not be tolerated in a city, a good hotel or a church, and should not be tolerated at the opera house.

"Is it possible to improve our manners?"

"X. Y. Z." is an unknown quantity, but he, or she, is absolutely correct. The fact is the manners of the people of this generation are much too free and informal, and the consequence is that everybody is losing a wholesome respect for everybody else.

The presence of women used to insure correct deportment on the part of men of all classes; but not now. Are the women themselves responsible for the change? To some extent, yes; not that they are not entitled to as much respect and reverence as formerly, but because they do not demand it.

"It is not unusual, for instance, to see a man in his shirtsleeves, and puffing a cigar or cigarette, walking along the street with a woman, while she looks as pleased as he does.

"If the women don't mind it—well,

who should? There is, however, too much social freedom, passing for 'good fellowship'—but what's the use?"

"One who protests is denominated an 'old fogy'; and maybe he is—or she. Still the women would do well to stop and think whether they are not in many respects too tolerant of breaches of good manners on the part of the men."

We agree with the Observer that women, as a class, are too lenient with men and their manners. They do not demand enough of them and consequently do not get as much as they demand. Such a line of reasoning, run to ground, means that men are what women make them. Anyway you take it, the women are to blame—have been from the time of Eve.

It is a fact that men will accord women just that respect which they demand and which is their due by reason of the demand. So it is up to the women of Abbeville to frown upon slouchy deportment; to refuse to walk the streets with men who persist in carrying a cigarette in their mouths at a rakish angle; to chew the vociferous chewing-gum, themselves, and require the same of their male companions; to be displeased with the kind of men who will accompany women about on the streets in their shirtsleeves.

Among young men and young women especially, there is entirely too much indolent familiarity which breeds disrespect if not contempt—certainly not good manners, and it is a sad truth that the coming generation of girls not only tolerate but invite breaches of good manners on the part of the young men.

We regret having to place all the blame on the women, charging the men only with contributory negligence. But now-a-days they seem willing to assume responsibility for any and everything—why not good manners?

#### SUGGESTIONS TO ABBEVILLE.

Very likely the style of dressing at the Abbeville opera house of which the Press and Banner spoke recently, would account in some measure for the rude behavior of many of the habitués of that temple of Thespis. The mayor might have signs put up that "The police are instructed to preserve order". Newberry's opera house had signs like that once; but her people have become civilized, and the signs have been taken out.

We offer the suggestion for what it is worth.—Newberry Observer.

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## Hillbilly Faculty Discusses Matters Of Importance

Col. Pat. Roche, President of the Hillbilly Setback College, came up town Saturday afternoon as soon as he had "swallowed a bite", and ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms of his institution to summon all members of the faculty to a meeting, stating that he had a matter of business to attend to, and he wished to "make a short story of it."

In a little while the clan was gathering. As they shuffled up the rear stairway of the Court House, had you not known to the contrary, you might have thought that it was a crowd hurrying to dinner in New York at about the time Martin Chuzzlewit first visited that metropolis. Col. Dick Sondley was the last to arrive, and Col. M. E. Hollingsworth, who was to have been initiated did not get there at all being detained in "taking a dower."

When everybody was seated President Roche got up to call the meeting to order, but Col. Bob Hunter objected. He said that he had read all the minutes of the meetings held in the past, and he had been unable to find where it was "recorded" that Col. Roche had ever been elected as president, and that he had read Grier's Almanac for the present year, and had not noticed any passage in it saying that an Irishman could preside at a meeting on a rainy day. Col. Roche said that he was in the chair and would preside; that he did not care whether he had been elected or not, the chair fit him, and he was like a negro who once came to consult Col. Tom Cothran, now of Greenville, but once a modest lawyer of Abbeville. The negro stated that he was working with some man, and that his landlord had taken the first bale of cotton, then the second, then the third, and that "now he has taken general curiosity of the whole farm." The Colonel said that "General Curiosity" was his middle name, and that Col. Bob Hunter, who should be ashamed to show his face at a setback faculty meeting after having been beaten by Corpulent Kerr, of Greenville Street, and would do well to take his seat and be quiet, else he would make a short story also of that controversy.

The Colonel said that he had a matter to lay before the meeting, but that he was an Irishman, of which he said he was proud, and it was a cold rainy day, he found his throat suffering for some of the "dampture" which makes the words flow like milk and honey, and that he had provided himself with an orator to lay the whole matter before the meeting. Before he introduced the speaker he announced that Col. Stark, a kind of an illegitimate member of the College, might retire as there would be some personal remarks, not about his wearing apparel, but having reference to the wherewithal to fill the inner man, and that if Corpulent Kerr appeared at the door, as he heard he expected to do to try to enter as a student, that he be "colored," given a drink of water, and brought before the Majesty of the Law, which he said he constituted.

Col. Stark said that he was not "going nowhere," and would face the orator. Thereupon Col. Roche, having rubbed his right hand over his face two or three time, said then "Let's Go," arose, cleared up his throat, and said: "Fellow members of the Faculty, as your superior officer, a matter has been brought to my attention demanding immediate attention; I do not find myself sufficiently 'liquidated' to say all that should be said, and I have, therefore, called to my assistance my friend, philosopher and guide, Col. Thomas Thomson, who in his elegant way, with his suave manner, but in no words to be misunderstood will inform you of the matter on which we are to 'get action.'" Turning to Col. Thomson, he then said, "now, get up Thomas and tell them about it."

Having taken his seat Col. Thomson, looking the least bit flushed from embarrassment only, said in pure Presbyterian measured tones that the matter before the house was a matter in which all members present were greatly interested, especially Corpulent Kerr, and that as it was somewhat of a delicate task he had to perform, he hoped everyone

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**J. S. STARK**